

We claim:

1. A method of gathering data on-line for use off-line, comprising:

collecting data from users off-line and storing the data in a storage unit;

and

sending the data collected off-line to users on-line.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is collected from a web page

accessible by the users on-line, and

data sent to the users off-line is manipulated before sending such that the

data conforms to a device receiving the data.

3. A method of communicating data to users off-line using the data stored

on-line, comprising:

storing data in a database; and

delivering the data stored in the database to users, such that the users receive the information without going on-line to access the database.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data includes a request for an item to

be submitted to a vendor off-line.

5. The method of 3, further comprising:

manipulating the data to place it in a format conforming to a device receiving the data.

6. A method of searching for an object using a intermediary, comprising:
  - providing an interface for a user to request the objects; and
  - sending the request to users off-line, enabling the users off-line to search for the requested objects.
7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:
  - storing the request in a database;
  - selecting users to send the data to based on the requested data; and
  - notifying the user on-line of the results of the search.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein selecting includes correlating data based on category and business type information
9. A method of shopping on-line using retailers/vendors off-line, comprising:
  - searching a database including data having user requests stored therein;
  - and
  - sending the data, manipulated to conform with a receiving device, such that a search based on the user requests is conducted by a selected retailer/vendor.
10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
  - forwarding results of the search for posting on-line.

11. A system for gathering data on-line for use off-line, comprising:
  - a database collecting data from users off-line; and
  - a server accessing the data in the database and sending the data to users on-line.
12. A system for shopping on-line using retailers/vendors off-line, comprising:
  - a database storing data including user requests and retailers/vendors; and
  - a server matching the user requests and retailers/vendors data, and sending the user request to the matched retailers/vendors such that a search based on the user requests is conducted by a selected retailers/vendors.
13. The system of claim 12, wherein results of the search by the retailers/vendors are posted on-line.